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UNITED NATIONS DAY 2010

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"UN Day is a day on which we resolve to do more. More to protect those caught up in armed conflict, to fight climate change and avert nuclear catastrophe; more to expand opportunities for women and girls, and to combat injustice and impunity; more to meet the Millennium Development Goals."

-- <u>Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon Message on UN Day</u> October 24, 2010



United Nations Day is devoted to highlighting the aims and achievements of the United Nations. This year's United Nations Day focuses on the eight United Nations Millennium Development Goals and follows on the Highlevel Plenary Meeting of the General Assembly on September 20-22, 2010, which adopted a global action plan to achieve these goals by 2015.

The United States and the United Nations have had an enduring relationship for 65 years. The Obama Administration seeks anew to work through the United Nations in pursuit of enhanced global cooperation.

Presidential Proclamation on United Nations Day (October 22, 2010) - "The United Nations has made great advances since it first developed out of ruin and genocide, and, today, this partnership includes 192 member states. Throughout its journey to live up to its founding values, it has remained an indispensable vehicle for coordinated action to tackle global problems. In a time when we face challenges such as nuclear proliferation, climate change, transnational terrorism, food security risks, and pandemic disease, we must work as one to build the kind of world we want to see in the 21st century."



Obama Directive Makes Development "Core Pillar" of U.S. Strategy (September 22, 2010) - Speaking at the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) Summit at the United Nations headquarters in New York September 22, Obama said after the MDGs were established in 2000 with the aim of reducing global poverty by 2015,

advances have been made in improving access to education, providing clean drinking water and reducing diseases such as HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis and malaria, but "progress towards other goals that were set [has] not come nearly fast enough."

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